

weather. There is no new feature in lumber. The labor situation is calmer than usual; many men are earnestly looking for work and not so pliant to the labor unions.

The following are wholesale prices for Toronto, where not otherwise explained, although for broken quantities higher prices are quoted:

**American Bessemer Sheet Steel.**—Fourteen-gauge, \$2.45; 17, 18, and 20-gauge, \$2.60; 22 and 24-gauge, \$2.65; 26-gauge, \$2.80; 28-gauge, \$3.

**Antimony.**—Quiet, but inquiries are coming in more freely; we quote 10 to 11 cents.

**Bar Iron.**—\$2 base, from stock to the wholesale dealer.

**Beams and Channels.**—Outside enquiry is not remarkable, but local builders are more in evidence; prices continue to be \$2.50 to \$2.75, according to size and quantity; angles, 1¼ by 3-16 and larger, \$2.55; tees, \$2.80 to \$3 per 100 pounds. Extra for smaller sizes.

**Boiler Heads.**—25c. per 100 pounds advance on boiler plate.

**Boiler Plates.**—¼-inch and heavier, \$2.50. Supply probably adequate and quotations still firm.

**Boiler Tubes.**—Lap-welded steel, 1¼-in., 10c.; 1½-in., 9c. per foot; 2-in., \$9.10; 2¼-in., \$10.85; 2½-in., \$12; 3-in., \$13.50; 3½-in., \$16.75; 4-in., \$21 per 100 ft.

**Building Paper.**—Plain, 32c. per roll; tarred, 40c. per roll. Demand up to average for the season.

**Bricks.**—Common structural, \$9 to \$10 per thousand, wholesale; small lots, \$12; there is a good demand. Red and buff pressed are worth \$18 at works.

**Cement.**—Price of Canadian makes to the dealer in 1,000 barrel lots and up is \$1.75, in cotton bags, on car, Toronto. The dealers' price to the contractor up to car-load lots without package price, are general at \$1.80 per barrel in cotton bags and \$2 in wood, weight in each case 350 pounds. Most builders are booked for year's supply.

**Detonator Caps,** 75c. to \$1 per 100; case lots, 75c. per 100; broken quantities, \$1.

**Dynamite,** per pound, 21 to 25c., as to quantity.

**Felt Paper—Roofing Tarred.**—Market steady at \$2 per 100 pounds. In moderate request.

**Fire Bricks.**—English and Scotch, \$32.50 to \$35; American, \$25 to \$35 per 1,000. Demand, moderate.

**Fuses—Electric Blasting.**—Double strength, per 100, 4 feet, \$4.50; 6 feet, \$5; 8 feet, \$5.50; 10 feet, \$6. Single strength, 4 feet, \$3.50; 6 feet, \$4; 8 feet, \$4.50; 10 feet, \$5. Bennett's double tape fuse, \$6 per 1,000 feet.

**Galvanized Sheets—Apollo Gauge.**—Sheets 6 or 8 feet long, 30 or 36 inches wide; 10-gauge, \$3.25; 12-14-gauge, \$3.35; 16, 18, 20, \$3.50; 22-24, \$3.70; 26, \$3.95; 28, \$4.40; 29 or 10¼, \$4.70 per 100 pounds. Stocks very low.

**Ingot Copper.**—The expected advance did not come; matters are much as before. Local price continues at 14 to 14½c.

**Iron Pipe.**—Black, ¼-inch, \$2; ⅜-inch, \$2.25; ½-inch, \$2.72; ¾-inch, \$3.68; 1-inch, \$5.28; 1¼-inch, \$7.20; 1½-inch, \$8.64; 2-inch, \$11.50; 2½-inch, \$18.40; 3-inch, \$24.15; 3½-inch, \$30.40; 4-inch, \$34.55; 4½-inch, \$38; 5-inch, \$43.50; 6-inch, \$56. Galvanized, ¼-inch, \$2.85; ⅜-inch, \$3.05; ½-inch, \$3.57; ¾-inch, \$4.83; 1-inch, \$6.93; 1¼-inch, \$9.45; 1½-inch, \$11.34; 2-inch, \$15.12.

**Lead.**—Holding its own at \$4.25. Easier in England.

**Lime.**—In plentiful supply and moderate movement. Price for large lots at kilns outside city 21c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. cars; Toronto retail price 35c. per 100 lbs. f.o.b. car.

**Lumber.**—The following are quotations for lumber suitable for making forms for concrete, per 1,000 feet f.o.b., shipping points; hemlock, 2-inch plank, \$16; 2 x 4 scantling, \$12; spruce, good mill culls, 2-inch, \$14. For dressing one or two sides the prices will be about \$1.25 in advance of quoted prices, and for dressing and matching about \$1.75.

**Nails.**—Wire, \$2.55 base; cut, \$2.70; spikes, \$3.15.

**Pitch.**—Fair demand at 75c. per 100 lbs.

**Pig Iron.**—Market is steady; Summerlee quotes: No. 1, \$25.50; No. 3, in car load lots, \$22 to \$23 here; Glengarnock, \$25.50; Clarence, \$20; No. 1 Cleveland, \$20 to \$22, Old Country market firm.

**Steel Rails.**—80-lb., \$35 to \$38 per ton. The following are prices per gross ton; Montreal, 12-lb. \$45, 16-lb. \$44, 25 and 30-lb. \$43.

**Sheet Steel.**—In moderate supply; 10-gauge, \$2.65; 12-gauge, \$2.70.

**Tar.**—Market unsettled, \$3.50 per barrel, the ruling price.

**Sand.**—Prices of washed sand, 50c. per cubic yard, (2 cubic yards to a load), on dock, Toronto. Delivery made f.o.b. works at any point in city at from 90c. to \$1.10 for large quantities. Quotations at outside points depend on interview or correspondence.

**Tank Plate.**—3-16-in., \$2.65.

**Tin.**—Irregular abroad, but higher on the whole; price here 33 to 34c.

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Montreal, April 30th, 1908.

The markets of the United States show very little change this week. The associated interests are holding prices on the level of some time past, although, no doubt, some of the independent makers are accepting orders for moderate sized lots, for prompt shipment, at a considerable reduction. Almost all the iron now being made is going into actual consumption. Indications for an increased business are not good. The railway companies still refrain from making large purchases, and as this trade constitutes fully 35 per cent. of the whole, the effect is very seriously felt. If crop reports show up well during the next two or three months, there is a general feeling that the railway companies will come into the market for a heavy tonnage for the various classes of iron and steel which they use.

Prices remain steady in the English market. Shipments from Middlesboro have been very heavy during the past month, a considerable tonnage coming to Canada. The result is that stocks are further depleted and makers are statistically in a good position. There is some uneasiness because of the reported intention of the shipbuilding interests to close down their works owing to difficulty with their workmen. If a lock-out takes place, it will materially reduce the quantity of iron and steel consumed, and the situation of makers will become very precarious and prices may be forced to a lower level.

Locally, business is fairly active, and there is a better feeling, although the amount of iron actually going into consumption is not large and is being taken care of, to a considerable extent, by Canadian furnaces. These interests are offering metal at prices which make it difficult for foreign brands to compete. It is expected, however, that there will be a considerable tonnage of English and Scotch iron received here during the next week on account of orders placed two or three months ago, and such metal will be promptly distributed upon arrival here.

**Antimony.**—The market holds steady and sales are being made at 9½ to 10c. per lb.

**Bar Iron and Steel.**—Prices continue unchanged and business is only fair. Bar iron, \$1.90 per 100 lbs.; best refined horseshoe iron, \$2.15; forged iron, \$2.05; mild steel, \$2.05; sleigh shoe steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ⅜-base; tire steel, \$2.05 for 1 x ⅜-base; toe calk steel, \$2.50; machine steel iron finish, \$2.15.

**Boiler Tubes.**—The market holds steady, demand being fair, prices are as follows:—2-inch tubes, 8 to 8¼c.; 2½-inch, 11c.; 3-inch, 12 to 12¼c.; 3½-inch, 15 to 15¼c.; 4-inch, 19¼ to 19½c.

**Building Paper.**—Tar paper, 7, 10, or 16 ounce, \$2 per 100 pounds; felt paper, \$2.75 per 100 pounds; tar sheathing, No. 1, 60c. per roll of 400 square feet. No. 2, 40c.; dry sheathing, No. 1, 50c. per roll of 400 square feet, No. 2, 32c.

**Cement—Canadian and American.**—Canadian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.75 per barrel, in cotton bags, and \$1.95 and \$2.05 in wood, weights in both cases 350 pounds.